

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State high school athletic programs whose members truly embody the concept of Outstanding Missourian through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, the East Carter County High School Redbirds basketball team has attained distinction by earning First Place in the Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 2 state championship by decisively defeating West Platte 77 to 51 on March 21, 2003, in the Hearn Center on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus; and

Whereas, the East Carter County Redbirds made their way steadily to the top competitive place by starting out the championship with a 19-7 win-loss regular season record and then adding to their win column with victories over Hayti in Sectionals, Stoutland in Quarterfinals, and Thayer in Semifinals; and

Whereas, in all but the Semifinals game, the East Carter County Redbirds tallied up scores that were at least twenty points higher than their competition; and

Whereas, led by Head Coach Larry Morgan and Assistant Coach Benji Stahl, the East Carter County basketball team was composed of Drew Downs, Trevor Douglas, Tyler Stahl, David Reynolds, Brandon Crook, Allen Wilder, T.J. Woodard, Robbie Mitchem, Brett Baker, and Austin Douglas; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, April 16, 2003, the Redbirds team members and coaches will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role they have performed in Missouri sports as the Class 2 Boys Basketball Champions:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant contributions made by Brandon Crook to the Redbirds basketball program on behalf of high school sports in Missouri and to extend to its players and coaches this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on April 16, 2003, for special recognition as guests in the House Chamber; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of "Outstanding Missourian", Brandon Crook of the 2002-2003 East Carter County High School Redbirds basketball team.

Offered by _____
 Representative Mike Dethrow
 District No. 153
 Joined by the Entire House Membership

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker